I WAS TRAPPED IN A TOURIST CAMP

ANC

TEEN-AGE Temptations

ST. JOHN TRADEMARK

I'M NOT A SAVAGE BEAST AND I'M NOT A FOOL! I'VE GOT YOUR NUMBER SO STOP PRETENDING YOU'RE A SWEET INNOCENT THING!

I'd watched other girls make pickups on street corners so I tried. But I wasn't very lucky...

My limelight trail ended in court and even worse, the story was in all the papers!

Matt Baker

No. 1 TEN CENTS

Mark Twain listened intently to a long speech delivered in Washington by a distinguished senator, and meeting the statesman a few days later, twitted him for having plagiarized his address to the Senate on that occasion.

"Why, Senator," declared the humorist, "I have a very old book in my library which contains every word of that speech."

"I insist, sir, that my speech was entirely original," the statesman protested. "I would not stoop to so contemptible a thing as deliberate plagiarism sir and I defy you to produce the book you have mentioned."

The following day Twain sent the statesman an old copy of Webster's dictionary.

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The entrance of the umpires at the Cleveland American League ball park has become a high spot in the proceedings. A 15-piece swing band entertains the customers before each game. After the field is cleared for the game there is a moment of silence — then the band strikes up "Three Blind Mice" — and in walk the umpires!"

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During one of Woodlawn High School's football games last season at Legion Field, Birmingham, Ala., I noticed a man holding field glasses in his hands idly. When he was about to put them into his pocket I asked if I could use them.

At the half the two high school bands with their high-strutting majorettes started performing on the field. I was then politely asked to return the glasses. As soon as the game began again, he returned the glasses to me and said: "I've looked at the girls. Now you can look at the boys."

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A fisherman was griping to his wife about the stupidity of his guide. "We finally managed to get a couple of pike at one spot on the lake," he growled, "and you know what this dumb guy wanted to do? Make a mark on the side of the boat, so's we'd know where to go next time!"

"That is silly," the little woman agreed, "maybe next time you wouldn't be able to rent the same boat!"

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The late William Allen White enjoyed good-natured fun at the expense of his reporters.

One day, looking for the newest member of his staff, he inquired, "Where's Cal?"

"Gone to the station to see his girl go through, Mr. White," answered a reporter.

A few hours later White again inquired about the young man. He got the same reply:

"Gone to the station to see his girl go through."

"Good heavens," commented White, "that girl must be going through in sections."

Sweeping up and down the gridiron all afternoon, a strong Ohio State team had completely overwhelmed that of the University of Virginia. Both sides had sent in so many substitutes that the players weren't unusually worn out, but the referees were exhausted from racing after State's backs. Late in the fourth quarter, with the score 60—0, *one of the referees handed his whistle to a Virginia end and, gasping for breath, said: "Here, you referee for a while and let me play!"*

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Mark Twain was seated in a hotel lobby when he heard his name being called by a youngster dressed in a bellhop's uniform.

"Over here, son!" said the humorist. As he took the message, he noticed that the boy barely came up to his hips when standing on tip-toe.

"They certainly hire them young around here," Twain remarked to a fellow guest, after the boy had left. "What is he supposed to do?"

"He is the page."

"Page!" chuckled Twain. "He doesn't even look like a paragraph!"

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Diamond Jim Brady was an easy mark for pickpockets—particularly when he mingled with the crowds at the race tracks. He had one watch stolen seven times in a single season but recovered it each time on payment of $10 *dollars to a dubious go-between.*

The eighth time the watch was stolen, the go-between doubled his price. Brady didn't take these matters very seriously, but he was a little irked at the increase.

"Your previous price was always $10," *he pointed out.*

"I know, Boss," said the go-between, "but this time the watch wasn't running properly and we had to have it repaired."

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Tourist Cabin Escapade

DELCOT'S ANNUAL CONVENTION

WHO'S THAT? HE'S ABOUT THE SMOOTHEST HUNK OF MAN I'VE EVER SEEN.

THAT'S JIM HARRIS. BUT DON'T GET TOO EXCITED. HE'S BIG TIME. HE WOULDN'T LOOK TWICE AT ANY GIRLS LIKE US!

"I WORKED AS A TYPIST IN THE DOWNTOWN OFFICE OF DELCOT CORPORATION. I WAS A TYPICAL SMALL TOWN GIRL, TO WHOM NOTHING VERY MOMENTOUS HAD EVER HAPPENED. THEN I MET A MAN WHO CHANGED MY LIFE. MY STORY STARTED AT DELCOT'S ANNUAL CONVENTION HELD IN THE LOBBY OF OUR TOWN'S ONE AND ONLY HOTEL. THE DAY BEFORE THE SHOW, THE MANAGER ASKED MARY AND ME IF WE WOULD STAND BEHIND ONE OF THE DISPLAY BOOTHS. OF COURSE WE WERE BOTH THRILLED AT THE CHANCE."

OH, BUT MARY, IT LOOKS AS THOUGH HE'S COMING OVER HERE.

"I WAS NERVOUS AND SURPRISED AND I KNOW I FAILED TO MAKE THE MOST OF THE SITUATION."

I WONDER IF I CAN GET ONE OF YOU TWO GIRLS UP TO MY ROOM TO TYPE OUT SOME REPORTS FOR ME.

I'M SORRY, WE CAN'T. WE'VE BOTH BEEN ASSIGNED TO WORK RIGHT HERE.

"I THOUGHT MR HARRIS WAS WONDERFUL, BUT MARY HAD OTHER IDEAS..."

WHAT A LOT OF NERVE! DID YOU SEE THE WAY HE WAS EYEING ME UP AND DOWN? I'LL BET HE DOESN'T EVEN HAVE ANY REPORTS TO BE TYPED.

"MR. HARRIS HADN'T PAID ANY ATTENTION TO ME. MAYBE THAT WAS WHY I ACTED ON A SUDDEN IMPULSE AND RAN AFTER HIM."

OH, MR. HARRIS, THAT TYPING YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT. I COULD DO IT IN MY SPARE TIME IF THAT WOULD BE ALL RIGHT.

OF COURSE IT WOULD, MISS. YOU MEET ME RIGHT HERE IN THE LOBBY AFTER WORK.

"I GOT OFF EARLY AND HURRIED HOME TO CHANGE MY DRESS AND MAKE MYSELF AS ATTRACTIVE AS POSSIBLE..."

SAY... YOU LOOK MIGHTY PRETTY TONIGHT, DOLL-FACE. GOING OUT WITH TOM?

NO, DAD. IT'S ANOTHER BOY THIS TIME... THANK GOODNESS!

"TIM WAS THE BOY I'D BEEN GOING WITH FOR OVER A YEAR. HE LIVED NEXT DOOR, AND WAS AS UNINTERESTING AS AN OLD SHOE. I DIDN'T EVEN THINK ABOUT HIM AS I WALKED INTO THE HOTEL..."

I HOPE I'M NOT TOO LATE.

"BUT I WASN'T! HE WAS THERE, WAITING, AND HE LOOKED IF ANYTHING... EVEN MORE HANDSOME THAN HE'D SEEMED DURING THE DAY..."

HELLO, BEAUTIFUL! I HOPE YOU'RE HUNGRY. WE'LL EAT FIRST BEFORE WE START ANY WORK.

"HE HAD A BEAUTIFUL CAR... NOTHING LIKE THE JALOPY TIM HAD ALWAYS DRIVEN ME IN... AND HE TOOK ME TO ONE OF THE BEST NIGHT CLUBS IN TOWN..."

TABLE FOR TWO, SIR?

YES... AS CLOSE TO THE DANCE FLOOR AS POSSIBLE.

"THE MUSIC AND THE FOOD WERE WONDERFUL AND TIME WAS PASSING AWFULLY FAST..."

I GUESS YOU'D BETTER TELL ME SOMETHING ABOUT THE TYPING...

OH...THAT! FRANKLY, I'D FORGOTTEN ABOUT IT ENTIRELY. LET'S LEAVE IT THAT WAY FOR NOW. IT'S TOO NICE AN EVENING TO SPOIL BY TALKING BUSINESS. I'D MUCH RATHER DANCE.

I'M NOT GOING TO BE IN TOWN LONG, JUNE, BUT I'D CERTAINLY LIKE TO SPEND AS MUCH TIME AS POSSIBLE WITH YOU.

MAYBE IT CAN BE MANAGED.

"THE EVENING WENT BY IN A WHIRL. NOTHING MORE HAD BEEN SAID ABOUT THE TYPING..."

WELL... WE'RE HERE. THIS IS WHERE I LIVE...

I GUESS ALL GOOD THINGS HAVE TO COME TO AN END SOMETIME. BUT..YOU KNOW..WE STILL DIDN'T GET OUR BUSINESS DONE. HOW ABOUT TOMORROW NIGHT?

OH... SURE. YOU MEAN TO DO THAT WORK FOR YOU?

WELL...YES...OF COURSE. I CAN GET A TYPEWRITER BROUGHT UP TO MY ROOM IN MY HOTEL...YOU COULD COME UP THERE, AND IT WOULD BE QUIET AND COZY.

"FOR A MOMENT A VOICE WITHIN ME WAS SAYING "DON'T DO IT," BUT THEN HE SUDDENLY PUT HIS ARM AROUND ME AND DREW ME TO HIM. HIS KISS WAS HARD AND POSSESSIVE."

JIM... JIM!

"SOMETHING HAPPENED TO ME IN THAT MOMENT... SOMETHING THAT MADE ME FEEL SURE I COULD TRUST HIM... SOMETHING THAT MADE ME WANT TO SEE HIM AGAIN, ON ANY EXCUSE..."

ALL RIGHT, JIM ...I'LL BE THERE.

GOOD GIRL! I'LL MEET YOU AT THE SAME PLACE!

"I WAS STILL THINKING HOW WONDERFUL JIM WAS AS I WALKED TO MY ROOM. I WAS SO WRAPPED UP IN MY DREAMS THAT I WAS TERRIBLY STARTLED WHEN MY DAD CALLED TO ME. . ."

COME IN, JUNE. I WANT TO TALK TO YOU.

DAD! YOU. . . YOU FRIGHTENED ME!

WHAT IS IT, DAD? HAS SOMETHING HAPPENED?

I'M AFRAID SO, JUNE. I'VE TRIED NEVER TO INTERFERE IN YOUR LIFE BUT THIS IS ONE TIME I THINK IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY. JIM HARRIS ISN'T EXACTLY THE MAN YOU SHOULD GO OUT WITH. . . OR BE SEEN WITH, FOR THAT MATTER.

"I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND HOW DAD HAD FOUND OUT ABOUT JIM BUT THAT QUESTION WAS ANSWERED PRETTY QUICKLY. . ."

I DON'T SEE WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM HE SEEMED PERFECTLY NICE TO ME!

I'M AFRAID YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE MY WORD FOR IT. LUCKILY, THE CLERK AT THE HOTEL WHERE YOU MET HIM TONIGHT IS A FRIEND OF MINE OR I MIGHT NEVER HAVE KNOWN! HE MEANS NOTHING BUT TROUBLE. . . AND I DON'T WANT YOU TO SEE HIM AGAIN! IS THAT CLEAR?

"DAD HAD LOOKED SO SERIOUS THAT HE FRIGHTENED ME. THERE WAS ONLY ONE THING I COULD DO, BUT THE FIRST CHANCE I HAD WAS AT LUNCH THE NEXT DAY. . ."

EXCUSE FOR A MINUTE, WILL YOU, MARY? I HAVE TO MAKE A PHONE CALL.

OKAY. I'LL ORDER DESSERT.

"MANAGED TO GET JIM AT HIS HOTEL. . ."

I'M AFRAID I WON'T BE ABLE TO KEEP OUR APPOINTMENT THIS EVENING. UNLESS WE CAN WORK IT OUT SOME OTHER WAY.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. IF YOU CAN'T. . . YOU CAN'T. MAYBE I'LL SEE YOU AGAIN AT THE OFFICE.

"I WAS VERY MUCH DISAPPOINTED IN JIM'S REACTION TO MY BREAKING THE DATE. IT ACTUALLY SOUNDED AS IF HE DIDN'T CARE MUCH ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. AND YET, AFTER THE WAY HE'D KISSED ME THE NIGHT BEFORE. . ."

MAYBE WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT HIM IS TRUE!

SAY, JUNE, WAIT UP!

THERE'S A GOOD PICTURE PLAYING DOWNTOWN TONIGHT. HOW ABOUT OUR GOING TO SEE IT? THAT IS: . . IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANOTHER DATE!

NO OTHER DATE, TOM! I'D BE GLAD TO GO WITH YOU.

"I WAS GLAD TOM HAD ASKED ME OUT. I THOUGHT IT MIGHT TAKE MY MIND OFF JIM.. BUT I WASN'T THAT LUCKY. I KEPT THINKING ABOUT HIM ALL THE TIME. . ."

YOU MUST HAVE BIG PROBLEMS ON YOUR MIND, JUNE. YOU SEEM TO BE FAR AWAY. . .

OH. . . . I'M SORRY. I . . . I WAS JUST THINKING. . .

"I COULD HARDLY CONCENTRATE ON THE PICTURE, AND WHEN IT WAS OVER I FELT NO BETTER THAN BEFORE. . ."

HOW ABOUT TAKING A LITTLE WALK BEFORE HEADING BACK HOME? IT'S SUCH A BEAUTIFUL NIGHT.

I DON'T MIND. I THINK IT MIGHT BE FUN.

"BUT I WAS VERY MUCH MISTAKEN. AS WE WALKED PAST ONE OF THE BIGGER NIGHT CLUBS IN TOWN, I FOUND MYSELF ALMOST FACE TO FACE WITH SOMETHING I'D NEVER EXPECTED. . ."

TONITE LA TIRA

JIM! WITH ANOTHER GIRL!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, JUNE? IS ANYTHING WRONG?

TOM. . . PLEASE TAKE ME HOME! RIGHT NOW!

WHY, OF COURSE. BUT CAN'T YOU TELL ME WHAT IT IS? YOU LOOK AS IF YOU'D SEEN A GHOST!

"ALL THE WAY BACK HOME A SINGLE THOUGHT KEPT RUNNING THROUGH MY MIND. . . AND I KNEW I COULDN'T STAND KNOWING THAT JIM WAS OUT WITH SOMEONE ELSE. I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO. TOM'S QUESTIONS DID NOTHING BUT INFURIATE ME. . ."

I'D LIKE TO HELP YOU. . . IF ONLY YOU'D TELL ME ABOUT IT!

PLEASE LEAVE ME ALONE!

"I RAN RIGHT UP TO MY ROOM, THREW MYSELF ACROSS THE BED AND SOBBED AS IF MY HEART WOULD BREAK! I'D MET JIM ONLY ONCE AND YET I KNEW I WAS TERRIBLY JEALOUS! JUST THINKING THAT HE MIGHT BE KISSING SOMEONE ELSE AS HE'D KISSED WAS MORE THAN I COULD BEAR."

WHAT CAN I DO? WHAT CAN I DO?

"REGARDLESS OF WHAT MY FATHER HAD SAID... REGARDLESS OF THE REPUTATION JIM WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE... I RESOLVED TO SEE HIM AGAIN ON HIS OWN TERMS!"

I'LL DO ANYTHING TO GET HIM AWAY FROM HER.

"IF WE WERE TO MEET AT HIS HOTEL AGAIN MY FATHER WOULD CERTAINLY FIND OUT ABOUT IT SO AS A GOOD EXCUSE FOR SEEING HIM... I'D HAVE TO GET A TYPEWRITER..."

YES... I CAN LET YOU HAVE MY PORTABLE TONIGHT. IS IT ANYTHING SPECIAL?

VERY SPECIAL... AND YOU'RE A LIFESAVER. THANKS, MARY.

"LATER THAT DAY I PHONED JIM. HE SEEMED VERY HAPPY THAT WE COULD GET THE WORK DONE THAT NIGHT."

AND YOU'D BETTER MEET ME AROUND THE CORNER FROM THE HOTEL... YES, I'LL BE ON TIME.

"NATURALLY, I DIDN'T WANT MY FATHER TO KNOW WHERE I WAS GOING... AND I DIDN'T LIKE THE IDEA OF LYING TO HIM. BUT SINCE I HAD TO STOP AT MARY'S HOUSE TO PICK UP THE TYPEWRITER, I DIDN'T CONSIDER WHAT I SAID WAS TOO MUCH OF A LIE..."

DON'T WAIT UP FOR ME, DAD. I'M GOING TO MARY'S TO DO SOME WORK.

OKAY, JUNE. DON'T GET IN TOO LATE.

"WHEN I REACHED OUR MEETING PLACE, JIM HADN'T ARRIVED YET. I BEGAN TO WORRY THAT HE MIGHT HAVE CHANGED HIS MIND, WHEN HIS CAR SUDDENLY PULLED UP AT THE CURB BESIDE ME..."

OKAY, BEAUTIFUL ONE... I'M ALL SET.

GOOD. THIS TYPEWRITER WAS BEGINNING TO FEEL A LITTLE HEAVY.

"I SLUMPED BESIDE HIM. I FELT BETTER AT ONCE. ALL OF MY HESITATION AND FEAR VANISHED. HE WAS MINE."

WHERE'LL WE GO TO DO THIS TYPING? IT'S NOT GOING TO BE EASY TO FIND A PLACE.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, HONEY. I KNOW JUST THE SPOT... AND NO ONE'LL BOTHER US.

"I RELAXED COMFORTABLY WHILE HE DROVE ALONG... AND PAID NO ATTENTION TO WHERE WE WERE GOING. THEN, AT LAST..."

HOLLYHOCK TOURIST CABINS

OFFICE

WELL... THIS IS IT. SECLUDED ...QUIET... NOTHING COULD BE BETTER.

YES... I...I GUESS SO...

MAYBE I WAS GETTING INTO SOMETHING I COULDN'T HANDLE. AND YET IT WAS POSSIBLE HE WANTED TO GET THE TYPING DONE WITHOUT INTERRUPTION. STILL... HIS NEXT REMARK I MADE ME WONDER A LITTLE MORE..."

IT MIGHT BE MUCH EASIER ALL AROUND IF WE REGISTER AS MAN AND WIFE. THEN WE WON'T HAVE TOO MANY QUESTIONS TO ANSWER. DON'T YOU THINK IT'S THE SIMPLEST WAY?

WELL... ALL RIGHT...

"I WAS HALF TEMPTED TO TURN AND LEAVE... BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO LOOK LIKE A FOOL. I'D GONE THIS FAR... AND I FELT I MIGHT AS WELL SEE IT THROUGH..."

THIS IS THE PLACE, MR. AND MRS. SMITH. I'M SURE YOU'LL FIND IT COMFORTABLE.

I KNOW WE WILL. DON'T YOU THINK SO, DEAR?

Y-YES.

"ONCE WE WERE ALONE IN THE CABIN, I FELT AS THOUGH THERE WERE NO OTHER PEOPLE IN THE WORLD. AND I WAS TREMBLING NOW... I WANTED TO GET THE WORK DONE AND GET OUT OF THERE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE..."

I GUESS WE MIGHT AS WELL GET STARTED

THERE'S NO RUSH. THE WORK CAN WAIT!

"HE TURNED ME AROUND AND KISSED ME. THERE WAS SOMETHING IN THE WAY HE PRESSED HIS LIPS ON MINE THAT MADE ME WANT TO PUSH AWAY FROM HIM. THE MORE I STRUGGLED ... THE TIGHTER HE HELD ME..."

YOU'RE A VERY SWEET KID, JUNE!

JIM... PLEASE ...DON'T!

I'M NEVER BEGAN TO POUND FASTER AND FASTER! LOOKING UP INTO JIM'S FACE, I COULD TELL THAT HE WAS BEING SWEPT BY EMOTIONS TOO. HE WASN'T POLITE ANY LONGER. HIS EYES NARROWED INTO GRIM SLITS. HE WAS BECOMING AN ANIMAL..."

JIM! DON'T YOU THINK WE OUGHT TO GET TO WORK ON YOUR REPORTS?

DON'T BE SUCH A HOPE FOOL! YOU KNOW THERE AREN'T ANY REPORTS!

JIM... PLEASE! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE! LET'S GET BACK TO THE CITY!

DON'T BE SILLY. YOU KNOW PERFECTLY WELL WHAT YOU WERE GETTING INTO WHEN YOU CAME.

"HOW COULD I ADMIT TO MYSELF THAT... EVEN FOR ME... THE REPORTS HAD BEEN MERELY AN EXCUSE TO SEE HIM AGAIN? I WANTED HIM AND YET I DIDN'T WANT HIM. I DIDN'T KNOW WHICH WAY TO TURN... RIGHT THEN CAME THE MOST WELCOME SOUND I HAD EVER HEARD..."

KNOCK! KNOCK!

WHO'S THERE?

JIM... TH-THERE'S SOMEONE AT THE DOOR!

I FORGOT THAT THE WATER WAS SHUT OFF, AND I WAS WONDERING..

JUNE!

PLEASE! CAN... CAN I GET A CAB BACK INTO TOWN FROM HERE?

"WHEN I HEARD THAT A CAB WAS OUTSIDE RIGHT THEN... BRINGING SOME PEOPLE TO THE TOURIST CAMP... I GRABBED MARY'S TYPEWRITER AND RACED FOR IT..."

SLOW DOWN, LADY. I'LL WAIT FOR YOU.

TAKE ME BACK TO THE CITY AS FAST AS YOU CAN GO!

"ALL THROUGH THE LONG RIDE BACK TO THE CITY I HAD A LOT OF TIME TO THINK ABOUT THE TERRIBLE MISTAKE I'D MADE... AND WHAT MIGHT ALMOST HAVE HAPPENED. I KNEW I'D LEARNED ONE LESSON I'D NEVER, NEVER FORGET!"

JUNE... YOU'RE HOME EARLY! DID YOU ACCOMPLISH MUCH?

YES, DAD... MORE THAN YOU'LL EVER KNOW.

THIS IS A TRUE LIFE STORY OF A COLLEGE FRESHMAN AS TOLD TO HELEN BLACKWELL. ALL NAMES OF PERSONS AND PLACES ARE FICTITIOUS.

Soiled Reputation

THE JUDGE WILL SEE YOU NOW, KAREN.

LOUISE! I HOPE YOU TOLD THE TRUTH!

OF COURSE! DID YOU THINK I WAS GOING TO TAKE ALL THE BLAME? I PUT YOU IN FOR YOUR SHARE!

"SHAME AND RIDICULE WAS THE PRICE I HAD TO PAY FOR PRETENDING I HAD SINNED! A SCANDAL OVER TEEN-AGE PETTING PARTIES WAS ROCKING OUR TOWN. SEVERAL OF MY GIRL FRIENDS AND BOYS WHOM I'D DATED WERE INVOLVED. BECAUSE IT WAS KNOWN I HAD ASSOCIATED WITH THEM, SUSPICION FELL ON ME! I WAS PANIC-STRICKEN WHEN POLICE AND SCHOOL AUTHORITIES SUMMONED ME TO A CLOSED SESSION COURT HEARING. YET I COULDN'T RESIST THE LURE OF BEING IN THE LIMELIGHT!"

Ric Estrada

"I WAS SHOCKED SPEECH-LESS! LOUISE BRUSHED PAST ME, AND AS I STEPPED FORWARD THE MATRON CLOSED THE DOOR OF JUDGE FALLON'S CHAMBER."

YOUR HONOR, I AM INNOCENT! YOU CAN'T BELIEVE ANYTHING LOUISE SAID ABOUT ME!

SIT DOWN, KAREN, AND ANSWER MY QUESTIONS TRUTH-FULLY.

NOW, KAREN, WHILE YOU WERE NOT PRESENT AT THE DISGRACEFUL AFFAIR IN QUESTION, YOU WERE ON FAMILIAR TERMS WITH THOSE INVOLVED. IS THAT CORRECT?

UNFORTUNATELY YES. I'M ASHAMED TO ADMIT IT.

DID YOU EVER ATTEND A SIMILAR PARTY AT THE LAWRENCE HOME? THERE WERE PREVIOUS PARTIES AS YOU KNOW.

WHAT?! OH, NO! I WAS NEVER TOLD.

YOUR CLAIM IS SUPPORTED BY THE STATEMENTS GIVEN BY ALL BUT ONE GIRL LOUISE WEBER ALLEGES YOU WERE AT PREVIOUS PARTIES.

SHE'S A LIAR! HOW CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT SNEAKING, JEALOUS WRETCH?

NOW, NOW! THAT'S ENOUGH. I KNOW LOUISE LIED ABOUT MANY ANGLES, AND I BELIEVE YOU ARE INNOCENT, KAREN. I WON'T SEE YOU AGAIN, BUT MY ADVICE IS TO SEEK NEW FRIENDS. YOU MAY GO NOW.

OH? TH-- THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

"I HAD HOPED I WOULD NOT SEE CARL DENISON AT THE COURTHOUSE. MUCH TO MY SORROW HE WAS MIXED UP IN THE AFFAIR, THUS ENDING MY HOPES OF EVER BECOMING HIS STEADY DATE..."

YOU STUCK TO THE TRUTH DIDN'T YOU, KAREN?

WHAT'S SHE DOING HERE, CARL? TATTLING ON THE REST OF US?

YES, CARL AND I DIDN'T MENTION YOUR NAME.

"GROUPS OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO HAD CUT CLASSES WERE GATHERED ON THE CORNERS AROUND COURTHOUSE SQUARE..."

LOOK! HERE COMES KAREN!

SHE'LL TELL US MORE THAN LOUISE DID!

WHAT SHOULD I TELL THEM?

"BEFORE I GOT A CHANCE TO DENY LOUISE'S ALLEGATIONS, THE IDEA OF BEING THE CENTER OF ATTRACTION WENT TO MY HEAD!"

DID THEY TRY TO TRIP YOU INTO A CONFESSION, KAREN?

SMART COOKIE! SHE GOT AWAY WITH IT!

OH, KAREN! DID YOU PRETEND YOU WEREN'T AT THE PARTIES?

"WAS THEIR DIRECT QUESTIONS I FOUND MYSELF GIVING THEM THE IMPRESSION THAT WHAT LOUISE HAD TOLD THEM WAS TRUE."

I'VE GOT TO RUN ALONG NOW. YOU'LL HEAR MORE WHEN THE OTHERS ARE RELEASED.

WHAT A LUCKY BREAK FOR YOU, KAREN!

"THE REACTION OF MY CLASSMATES LEFT ME WITH A FEELING OF EXCITEMENT. I HAD AROUSED THEIR INTEREST AS NEVER BEFORE BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T SUSPECT I WAS INNOCENT!"

HOW DID YOU MAKE OUT AT COURT, KAREN?

OH--OH! HERE'S MY CHANCE TO MAKE THE IMPRESSION STICK!

"IF POPULARITY WAS TO BE HAD BY PLAYING GUILTY, JEAN COULD HELP ME CARRY OUT THE DECEPTION. SHE WAS AN INCURABLE GOSSIP!"

OH, REALLY, KAREN? HOW MANY PARTIES DID YOU GO TO AT JACK LAWRENCE'S HOUSE AND WERE THEY AS ROUGH AS EVERY-ONE SAYS?

DEF-INITELY! I WENT TO THREE AND I KNOW!

"I WENT HOME AND TOLD MY WORRIED MOTHER THAT I HAD BEEN CLEARED OF ALL SUSPICION, PICKED UP MY BOOKS AND GOT TO SCHOOL JUST BEFORE LUNCH."

BOB AND GARY MUST HAVE HEARD ALREADY! THEY NEVER NOTICED ME BEFORE! I'LL BET THEY BOTH WANT TO DATE ME!

"IT WAS ONLY NATURAL THAT MOST OF THE GIRLS SHUNNED ME COMPLETELY, BUT I DIDN'T CARE!"

ACTUALLY I THINK THEY ENVY ME! WELL, I'LL SOON GIVE THEM LOTS MORE TO BE JEALOUS ABOUT!

"GARY HAD ALWAYS BEEN AT THE TOP OF MY DREAM-DATE LIST BUT I'D NEVER DARED APPROACH HIM BEFORE FEARING A BRUSH-OFF!"

GOSH I'D LIKE TO KAREN BUT I'M GOING TO BASKET-BALL PRACTICE. BUT HOW ABOUT A DATE TO-NIGHT?

WALK HOME WITH ME GARY?

ON THE WAY HOME I MET JEAN AND TOLD HER THAT I HAD A DATE WITH GARY. SHE SAID HE WAS A HARD FELLOW TO HANDLE BUT I THOUGHT SHE WAS TRYING TO SCARE ME..."

I REALLY THINK YOU SHOULD WAIT A FEW DAYS BEFORE HAVING A DATE, KAREN. THERE'S SO MUCH TALK AROUND TOWN.

NONSENSE, MOM! I DID NOTHING I'M ASHAMED OF, AND GARY'S A NICE BOY.

BUT, GARY! CAN'T WE GO TO SOME SPOT DOWN-TOWN?

OH, SURE--WE COULD--BUT WE CAN HAVE MORE FUN OUT AT BENITA'S ON THE HIGHWAY.

BENITA'S? THAT WAS JACK LAWRENCE'S FAVORITE SPOT, BUT I DON'T THINK HE'LL BE AROUND.

YEAH--JACK IS IN PRETTY DEEP, AND SOME OTHERS IN THAT GROUP WILL DROP OUT OF SCHOOL OR BE SENT AWAY BY THEIR PARENTS. NOT YOU, I HOPE!

"IT WAS TOO EARLY FOR ME TO GUESS EXACTLY HOW I RATED WITH GARY, BUT IT WAS THRILLING TO BE WITH HIM AND I WAS DETERMINED TO MAKE HIM FALL FOR ME..."

BENITA'S

DINE-DANCE

IT'S CROWDED TONIGHT SO LET'S NOT STAY TOO LONG.

ANYTHING YOU SAY, GARY.

"EVERYONE WHO KNEW ME STARED WHEN GARY AND I CAME IN. GARY BLUSHED SLIGHTLY. I KNEW WHAT HE WAS THINKING..."

LOOK WHO GARY'S DATING!

I'M NOT SURPRISED. BUT HE'D BETTER BE CAREFUL SHE DOESN'T GET HIM IN TROUBLE!

"A WAVE OF ECSTASY SWEPT OVER ME AS WE DANCED. GARY WAS A TERRIFIC PARTNER AND THE NEARNESS OF HIM STIRRED ALL MY ROMANTIC DESIRES...!"

HAVING A GOOD TIME, HONEY?

OH, YES, EVERY-THING'S PERFECT!

"BUT WHEN WE LEFT AND GARY TURNED OFF THE MAIN HIGHWAY, I WAS DISMAYED TO DISCOVER THAT A CAR WAS FOLLOWING US!"

I THINK IT'S THE ONE THAT TURNED IN JUST AS WE WERE LEAVING. SLOW DOWN AND SEE IF HE PASSES US.

NUTS! NO WISE GUY IS GOING TO INTERFERE WITH OUR DATE! I'LL SHAKE HIM. HANG ON!

STOP! GARY! YOU'RE DOING EIGHTY! IF YOU DON'T SLOW DOWN WE'LL CRASH!

"MY HEART WAS IN MY THROAT WHEN I HEARD THE CRASH. I WAS AS TERROR-STRICKEN AS THOUGH IT HAD HAPPENED TO US!"

OH, HOW HORRIBLE! HE MUST HAVE LOST CONTROL ON THAT CURVE. STOP, GARY!

NO. WE CAN'T HELP HIM. YOU CAN PHONE THE POLICE FROM A GAS STATION AT THE JUNCTION AHEAD.

"BUT I COULDN'T STEP OUT TO PHONE. MY KNEES WERE TOO WOBBLY! GARY TOLD THE ATTENDANT TO NOTIFY THE POLICE ABOUT THE CRASH..."

I'M A NERVOUS WRECK, GARY. YOU'D BETTER TAKE ME HOME. I WONDER WHO IT WAS AND HOW BADLY HE'S HURT?

HOPE IT TAUGHT HIM TO MIND HIS OWN BUSINESS! BUT I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, KAREN. WE'LL MAKE UP FOR IT ON OUR NEXT DATE, HONEY!

"I TOSSED AND TURNED ALL NIGHT, DREADING WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE OTHER DRIVER'S REASON FOR FOLLOWING US. WHEN I HEARD THE PAPER BOY COME BY AT SEVEN, I SLIPPED DOWNSTAIRS..."

OH, NO! IT WAS CARL! RUSHED UNCONSCIOUS TO GENERAL HOSPITAL. HE WANTED TO SEE ME LAST NIGHT—BUT WHAT COULD IT HAVE BEEN ABOUT?

WHAT IF CARL TELLS PEOPLE HE WAS CHASING US—OR IF GARY MAKES A SLIP OF THE TONGUE? EVERY-ONE WILL SAY I WAS TO BLAME FOR THE ACCIDENT! HOW CAN I DENY IT? HOW CAN I LIE MY WAY OUT?

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"FROM THAT DAY ON, THE TRUTH AND I WERE AT TOTAL WAR!"

JUST FINE, JEAN! HE'S ADORABLE!

HEAR ABOUT CARL'S ACCIDENT?

AND HOW DID YOU MAKE OUT WITH THE GREAT HEART-THROB, GARY CUMMINGS?

PLEASE DON'T BORE US WITH THE DETAILS! WE'RE NOT CONCERNED WITH THE ANTICS OF HOT-ROD DRIVERS!

B-BUT WEREN'T YOU CRAZY ABOUT CARL, KAREN? THEY SAY HE WAS MUMBLING YOUR NAME WHEN HE REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS AT THE HOSPITAL.

"MY EMOTIONS WERE AT ODDS! I HAD BEEN ANGRY AT CARL FOR BEING CAUGHT AT THE WILD PARTY, BUT PERHAPS HE WASN'T AS GUILTY AS I HAD THOUGHT. HAD I DISCARDED HIM BY ERROR FOR THE DREAM-GATE WHO HADN'T NOTICED ME BEFORE MY PRETENSE OF GUILT?"

IF I ONLY KNEW WHAT TO DO? SHOULD I SEE CARL OR IGNORE HIM AND KEEP GOING WITH GARY?

"ALL DAY THE CLASSROOMS BUZZED WITH GOSSIP, BUT I COULD ONLY IMAGINE WHAT THEY WERE WHISPERING ABOUT..."

THEY'VE BEEN MAKING UP ALL SORTS OF YARNS ABOUT YOU AND ME AN' WHY CARL WAS FOLLOWING US LAST NIGHT, KAREN! I HOPE YOU'RE NOT GOING TO SEE CARL. THAT WOULD MAKE IT WORSE!

WHY, THE IDEA NEVER ENTERED MY MIND!

"INSTEAD OF DRIVING ME HOME AFTER CLASSES, GARY FOUND A QUIET SPOT AND PARKED THE CAR..."

YOU'VE SET MY BLOOD ON FIRE, KAREN! I WAS AN AWFUL FOOL TO HAVE PASSED YOU UP SO LONG. YOU'RE JUST MY TYPE. WARM, ALIVE AND EAGER FOR LOVE!

"BUT THOSE FIRST BLISSFUL MOMENTS WERE ONLY A PRELUDE TO THE FEAR THAT I MIGHT LOSE MY SELF-CONTROL. LUCKILY I FOUND AN EXCUSE..."

WHAT'S THE MATTER, KAREN?

LOOK! A WHOLE CROWD OF SOPHOMORES! THEY MUSTN'T SEE US TOGETHER...THERE'S BEEN TOO MUCH TALK ALREADY!

YOU SEEMED AFRAID, KAREN. SURE YOU REMEMBER OUR DATE TONIGHT OR ARE YOU GOING TO GIVE ME A RUN-AROUND?

NO...NO, OF COURSE NOT, GARY! I'LL BE READY AT EIGHT!

WASN'T IN THE HOUSE FIVE MINUTES WHEN THE PHONE RANG...

LOUISE! WHY—?

LISTEN, YOU! IF YOU DARE GO NEAR CARL AGAIN I'LL MAKE IT HOT FOR YOU! YOU MADE ENOUGH TROUBLE FOR HIM-LAST NIGHT!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT? WHAT? HELLO, HELLO! — SHE HUNG UP!

"LOUISE HAD SHATTERED MY NERVE! I PHONED GARY, PLEADING A HEADACHE TO BREAK OUR DATE, AND HE ACCUSED ME OF FAKING. BUT THAT DIDN'T UPSET ME HALF SO MUCH AS GUESSING HOW LOUISE CAME INTO THE PICTURE BETWEEN CARL AND ME!"

I SIMPLY MUST GET UP COURAGE AND SEE CARL.

"BUT BEFORE I COULD GO THROUGH WITH MY INTENTION, EVENTS TOOK A BAD TURN AT SCHOOL THE NEXT DAY..."

GARY DIDN'T SPEAK TO ME THIS MORNING, AND MY REGULAR CROWD HAS SHIFTED TO ANOTHER TABLE SO I'LL HAVE TO EAT ALONE!

GO AWAY, JEAN! I DON'T WANT TO TALK TO ANYBODY. LEAVE ME ALONE!

BUT YOU LIED TO ME, KAREN! YOU WEREN'T INVOLVED IN THAT MESS, AND NOW EVERYONE KNOWS YOU WERE ONLY PRETENDING—YOU... YOU STUPID LITTLE FAKER!

"THE HUMILIATION WAS MORE THAN I COULD BEAR. I CUT MY AFTERNOON CLASSES AND WENT HOME TO CRY MY EYES OUT. ONLY ONE RAY OF HOPE REMAINED. I HAD TO SEE CARL THAT NIGHT!"

YOU'RE KAREN? YES I'M SURE HE WILL SEE YOU!

CARL. I HAD TO SEE YOU. WHY DID YOU FOLLOW ME THAT NIGHT? I WASN'T WORTH THE TROUBLE I CAUSED YOU.

NO, KAREN. YOU'RE WRONG AGAIN. STOP GUESSING AND TRY TO UNDERSTAND.

"I BROKE DOWN AND TOLD CARL THE TRUTH, EVERY DISGUSTING BIT OF IT. I HAD TO GET IT OUT OF MY SYSTEM!"

YOU SEE, I DIDN'T WANT TO BE ANGRY AT YOU FOR GOING TO THE PARTY—BUT I WANTED TO FIND AN ESCAPE, A WAY TO FORGET YOU!

I GUESSED THAT, HONEY. THAT'S WHY I TRIED TO STOP YOU FROM GOING WITH GARY. BUT LOUISE IS TO BLAME. SHE LURED ME TO THE PARTY. I DIDN'T WANT TO GO.

"CARL'S SMILE BRIGHTENED AS MY TEARS SPLATTERED ON HIS FACE, BUT IN SPITE OF MY WEEPING I WAS AS HAPPY AS ME!"

I'M NOT AFRAID ANY MORE, DARLING. I'M GOING TO SQUARE THINGS ALL AROUND—BY TELLING EVERYONE THE TRUTH.

WONDERFUL, HONEY. I'LL BE OUT OF HERE NEXT WEEK, AND WE'LL GO ON TO SEE THEIR!

"THE REAL LOVE I HAD FOUND GAVE ME COURAGE TO FACE THE FACTS!"

I DON'T DENY THAT CARL WAS AT THE PARTY BUT HIS CONDUCT WAS PERFECTLY PROPER! ASK LOUISE.

WHICH OF YOU IS THE BIGGER LIAR? I'M ALL MIXED UP!

NOTHING CONCERNING CARL MATTERS TO ME! I'M THROUGH WITH THAT TWO-TIMER!

"THE INSPIRATION OF CARL'S LOVE HELPED ME OVER ALL THE HURDLES, AND WHEN HE RETURNED TO SCHOOL I COULD FACE THE WORLD PROUD AND UNASHAMED!"

I SUPPOSE ALL COUPLES HAVE AT LEAST ONE SERIOUS MISUNDERSTANDING BEFORE THEY REALLY GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER!

RIGHT, HONEY, BUT IT WAS A BLESSING IN DISGUISE—FOR YOU HAD THE COURAGE TO PROVE YOUR LOVE AND I'LL NEVER, NEVER DOUBT YOU!

THE END

Out for No Good

HAVE A GOOD TIME, KIDS! BUT DON'T GET BACK TOO LATE!

DON'T WORRY, MR. WATERS, WE'LL BE HOME EARLY! WE'RE JUST GOING TO A MOVIE.

SAME OLD THING... AS USUAL.

IN OUR CITY, THERE WERE ALWAYS PLENTY OF PLACES TO HAVE A GOOD TIME, BUT I NEVER GOT TO SEE ANY OF THEM. MY FOLKS THOUGHT I WAS TOO YOUNG TO BE OUT VERY LATE AND I RESENTED IT. IT WAS ALWAYS THE SAME OLD STORY... GOING OUT WITH JIMMY WHO LIVED NEXT DOOR... GOING TO A MOVIE... TO A PARTY... OR SOME OTHER DULL THING. I WAS SICK OF IT. I WANTED TO LIVE.

"JIMMY HAD BORROWED HIS FATHER'S CAR TO GO TO THE MOVIE, BUT WHEN WE ARRIVED DOWN TOWN FINDING A PARKING SPACE WAS NOT VERY EASY..."

I'LL WAIT HERE WHILE YOU PARK THE CAR, JIMMY.

OKAY. I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.

"JIMMY HAD ONLY BEEN GONE A SHORT WHILE, WHEN ANOTHER CAR PULLED UP ALONGSIDE THE CURB..."

LONESOME, HONEY? I WOULDN'T THINK A PRETTY GIRL LIKE YOU WOULD HAVE TO STAND THERE ALL ALONE. HOW ABOUT SOME COMPANY?

I BEG YOUR PARDON.

THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME ANYTHING LIKE THAT HAD EVER HAPPENED TO ME, AND ... FOR A MOMENT ... I WAS STARTLED ...

HERE I AM, LINDA.

LOOKS LIKE YOUR BOYFRIEND. WE'D BETTER BE GOING!

I WAS ACTUALLY A LITTLE SORRY THAT JIMMY SHOWED UP JUST THEN. IF HE HADN'T, I MIGHT HAVE FOUND AN ADVENTURE ... SOMETHING DIFFERENT FROM THE USUAL HUMDRUM ...

WHO WERE THOSE MEN, LINDA? SOMEONE YOU KNOW?

OH ... IT - IT WAS NOTHING IMPORTANT. LET'S FORGET ABOUT IT AND GO TO THE MOVIE.

IT WAS EASY ENOUGH FOR ME TO TELL JIMMY TO FORGET ABOUT IT ... BUT I COULDN'T! ALL THROUGH THE EVENING, AND EVEN AFTER I WAS HOME IN BED, I KEPT WONDERING WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED IF I'D ALLOWED MYSELF TO BE PICKED UP ...

I THINK I'D LIKE TO TRY IT!

THE NEXT EVENING I WAS VERY EXCITED AT THE THOUGHT OF WHAT I WAS GOING TO DO, AND I DRESSED AS ATTRACTIVELY AS I COULD ...

GOING OUT SO EARLY? I DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD A DATE TONIGHT, LINDA.

OH ... I'M JUST GOING TO SEE ONE OF MY GIRL FRIENDS, DAD!

I DIDN'T LIKE TO LIE TO MY FATHER, BUT I COULDN'T TELL HIM WHAT I WAS UP TO. ACTUALLY, I DIDN'T KNOW EXACTLY HOW TO BEGIN, BUT I WENT TO THE SAME STREET CORNER AS BEFORE ...

WHAT'S THE TROUBLE? LOOKING FOR SOMEONE?

THE WHOLE PROCEDURE WAS RIDICULOUSLY EASY ...

IT LOOKS AS THOUGH MY BOY FRIEND IS STANDING ME UP.

ANYONE WHO WOULD DO A THING LIKE THAT TO YOU OUGHT TO BE SHOT! HOW ABOUT LETTING ME TAKE HIS PLACE?

HE WAS YOUNG AND GOOD-LOOKING SO I SMILED AND ACCEPTED HIS INVITATION...!

A FRIEND OF MINE'S THROWING A PARTY TONIGHT THAT SHOULD BE GOOD FOR A LOT OF LAUGHS. WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO?

SOUNDS GOOD TO ME.

HE SAID HIS NAME WAS BILL JONES, AND I TOLD HIM MINE WAS MARY SMITH.

SO YOU GOT HERE AT LAST, BILL! I THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER COME! AND WHO'S THE BEAUTIFUL CREATURE WITH YOU?

THIS IS MARY SMITH... THE LOVELIEST GAL IN TOWN!

"THIS WAS THE KIND OF PARTY I'D ALWAYS WANTED TO GO TO ...AND NEVER COULD! NO ONE CARED WHAT ANYONE ELSE DID... EVERYONE WAS THERE FOR LAUGHS AND I LIKED BEING WITH BILL."

YOU KNOW... THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE BEEN WAITING TO DO EVER SINCE WE FOUND EACH OTHER ON THAT STREET CORNER...

WHAT IS IT?

"I KNEW, OF COURSE, WHAT HE MEANT... BUT DIDN'T MIND AT ALL. I HAD ASKED FOR THIS KIND OF THRILL... AND I WAS GETTING IT!"

THIS!

AT LAST I FELT I'D BETTER BE GETTING BACK HOME BEFORE MY FEARS BECAME WORRIED ENOUGH TO CALL MY GIRL FRIEND ...AND DISCOVER I WASN'T THERE. I HAD BILL DRIVE ME TO WITHIN ONE BLOCK OF MY HOME...!

GOODNIGHT, HONEY. WHEN DO YOU THINK I'LL BE SEEING YOU AGAIN...

CALL ME, BILL, SOON...

"I'D CERTAINLY DIDN'T INTEND TO TIE MYSELF DOWN TO ONE BOY... NOW THAT I'D DISCOVERED HOW TO GET AS MANY AS I WANTED. BILL WAS NICE FOR LAUGHS FOR ONE EVENING... BUT, NEXT TIME, I PLANNED ON PICKING UP SOMEONE A LITTLE MORE DANGEROUS..."

I'D BETTER WAIT A COUPLE OF DAYS BEFORE I DO IT AGAIN.

"THE NEXT TIME I WENT DOWNTOWN I DECIDED TO TRY ANOTHER APPROACH. I STOOD IN FRONT OF A MOVIE THEATRE, LOOKING AT ONE OF THE POSTERS AND... QUITE ENOUGH...!"

LOOKS LIKE A GOOD PICTURE, DOESN'T IT?

OH! Y-YOU STARTLED ME!

"WHEN I TURNED TO SEE WHO HAD SPOKEN TO ME I WAS A LITTLE DISAPPOINTED. HE WAS OLDER THAN I'D HOPED..."

I'M SORRY, MISS. IT'S JUST THAT I WAS THINKING OF GOING IN TO SEE THIS PICTURE... AND I HATE TO GO TO MOVIES BY MYSELF. IT'S SUCH A LONELY FEELING. I WAS WONDERING IF YOU'D CARE TO GO WITH ME.

WELL...I...ALL RIGHT.

I'D HOPED THERE WOULD BE MORE THAN A MOVIE INVOLVED...BUT THIS WAS ONE PICK UP THAT WAS DESTINED TO BE A FLOP. ONCE THE PICTURE WAS OVER!

THANK YOU FOR THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY, MISS...AND... GOOD NIGHT.

G-GOOD NIGHT!

"I WAS TOO FURIOUS WITH THE OUTCOME OF THAT EVENING TO GO STRAIGHT HOME SO I WALKED THROUGH THE PARK. I WAS GLAD I DID, BECAUSE I SOON DISCOVERED THAT'S WHERE THE PICKINGS WERE BEST..."

WHY COULDN'T I HAVE THOUGHT OF THIS IN THE FIRST PLACE?

"I HEADED RIGHT FOR AN EMPTY BENCH IN A FAIRLY CONSPICUOUS SPOT. AFTER A LITTLE WHILE, ONE OF THE BEST-LOOKING MEN I'D EVER SEEN WALKED TOWARDS ME..."

ARE YOU EXPECTING SOMEONE...OR MAY I SIT DOWN?

NO...I WAS JUST GETTING SOME AIR.

DO YOU COME HERE OFTEN? I PASS HERE EVERY NIGHT AND I'VE NEVER NOTICED YOU BEFORE... AND I CERTAINLY WOULDN'T HAVE MISSED ANYONE AS PRETTY AS YOU.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY AFTER *THAT* PRETTY SPEECH!

JUST SAY, "YES," WHEN I ASK YOU TO MEET ME HERE TOMORROW!

I REALLY DON'T THINK I SHOULD... BUT...

I MET HIM THERE IN THE PARK THE NEXT NIGHT AND FOR SOME REASON...WHEN HE ASKED ME MY NAME I TOLD HIM THE TRUTH. WE HEADED FOR A NIGHT CLUB..."

YOU KNOW, LINDA, I HADN'T BEEN IN TOWN VERY LONG WHEN I RAN INTO YOU...AND I'M SURE GLAD I DID.

I'M GLAD YOU DID, TOO, TOM.

IT WAS QUITE LATE BEFORE I REALIZED IT AND I KNEW MY FATHER WOULD BE FURIOUS. I DIDN'T WANT TOM TO TAKE ME RIGHT TO MY DOOR, BUT..."

YOU'D BETTER PULL OVER HERE, TOM. MY FATHER HAS STRANGE IDEAS ABOUT MY KEEPING LATE HOURS.

STRANGE, IS RIGHT. YOU'RE CERTAINLY OLD ENOUGH TO KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING.

TOM'S WORDS SHOWED HOW MUCH HE UNDERSTOOD ME SO I IMPULSIVELY THREW MY ARMS AROUND HIS NECK..."

TOM... YOU'RE SO SWEET...

YOU'RE PRETTY WONDERFUL YOURSELF, LINDA.

"AND THEN HE KISSED ME. I'D BEEN KISSED BEFORE, BUT NEVER LIKE THAT. I'D NEVER FELT THE THRILL OF BEING WITH ONE PERSON WHO WAS JUST RIGHT FOR ME... AND I KNEW TOM FELT THE SAME..."

LINDA,... DARLING. I... I WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN...

YES, TOM... YES. TOMORROW... THE SAME PLACE.

"I SAW TOM NIGHT AFTER NIGHT... AND EACH TIME THE THRILL OF BEING WITH HIM WAS GREATER THAN BEFORE. I DIDN'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT HIM, THAT'S TRUE, BUT I DIDN'T CARE.."

GOSH, LINDA...I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU FOR A LONG TIME. HOW ABOUT GOING TO A MOVIE TONIGHT?

SORRY, JIMMY... I CAN'T. I HAVE ANOTHER ENGAGE-MENT.

"THAT CHANCE MEETING WITH JIMMY BROUGHT TO MY MIND, EVEN MORE STRONGLY, THE SHARP CONTRAST BETWEEN THE INSIPID DATES I USED TO HAVE.

I'M SO HAPPY, TOM. I HOPE THIS CAN GO ON FOREVER.

I WISH IT COULD, DARLING... BUT IT CAN'T. I HAVE TO LEAVE TOWN TOMORROW NIGHT.

BUT, TOM ...YOU... NEVER TOLD ME...

I KNOW, DARLING. I WAS HOPING I'D BE ABLE TO STAY LONGER. BUT NOW IT'S DEFINITE... AND I'M SO CRAZY ABOUT YOU THAT... LINDA! WHY DON'T YOU GO WITH ME!

EVERYTHING HAD HAPPENED SO SUDDENLY THAT I WAS CONFUSED. I WANTED TO BE WITH TOM, AND YET...

I CAN'T GO OFF LIKE THAT, TOM. MY... MY FAMILY...

I KNOW ALL THE ARGUMENTS YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE, LINDA, BUT ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT I *MUST* GO. IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND, I'LL LOOK FOR YOU AT THE USUAL PLACE TOMORROW NIGHT.

"I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO! I DIDN'T WANT TO LOSE TOM AND YET I DIDN'T WANT TO RUN AWAY AND BE MARRIED WITHOUT TELLING MY FOLKS. BUT I KNEW THEY WOULDN'T PERMIT IT..."

WHY *DOES* HE HAVE TO LEAVE NOW... WHEN EVERYTHING IS SO PERFECT?

"MY SLEEP WAS TORMENTED BY DREAMS OF NEVER SEEING TOM AGAIN, AND WHEN I AWOKE... I STILL DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO..."

LINDA! COME DOWN HERE RIGHT AWAY! I WANT TO TALK TO YOU!

OKAY... DAD...

"IT'S STRANGE HOW THINGS COME ALONG TO MAKE UP YOUR MIND WHEN YOU'RE CONFUSED... BUT THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED TO ME! OF COURSE, MY FATHER DIDN'T KNOW HE WAS MAKING A DECISION FOR ME..."

YOU'VE BEEN COMING IN LATE EVERY NIGHT THIS WEEK... AND I WON'T HAVE IT!

"I KNEW I COULDN'T STAND BEING HEMMED IN AGAIN BY MY FATHER'S IDEAS. I WAS TIRED BEING TREATED LIKE A CHILD, AND NOW I WAS GOING TO BE RID OF IT... ONCE AND FOR ALL!"

WHEN I'M MRS. TOM ROLLINGS THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO TALK TO ME THAT WAY!

LUCKILY, MY FOLKS WERE GOING TO A MOVIE THAT EVENING...AND I WAS ABLE TO GET OUT OF THE HOUSE UNOBSERVED...MY HEART WAS BEATING FAST, IN ANTICIPATION OF WHAT LAY AHEAD... "

EVERYTHING'S GOING TO BE DIFFERENT FROM NOW ON...

"WHATEVER SLIGHT DOUBTS I MAY HAVE HAD ABOUT WHAT I WAS DOING, DISAPPEARED WHEN I SAW TOM STANDING BY OUR FAVORITE SPOT... WAITING FOR ME..."

DARLING! YOU CAME! I'M SO GLAD!

LET'S HURRY AND GET STARTED!

"EACH TURN OF THE WHEEL WAS BRINGING ME CLOSER TO HAPPINESS...AND AS I WATCHED TOM'S HANDSOME PROFILE, I KNEW THERE WAS NOTHING ELSE I'D EVER WANT OUT OF LIFE BUT TO BE WITH HIM..."

OH, TOM... I LOVE YOU SO MUCH.

"I MUST HAVE DOZED OFF, FOR BY THE TIME I AWAKENED WE WERE QUITE A DISTANCE FROM TOWN AND WERE JUST ABOUT TO TURN INTO A SIDE ROAD LEADING TO A BIG HOUSE.."

WAKE UP, HONEY. WE'RE HERE.

OH-H-H... WHERE IS "HERE"?

OH...I KNOW. THIS MUST BE THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE!

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE? WHAT EVER MADE YOU THINK OF THAT?

"A PREMONITION OF FEAR SLOWLY BEGAN TO TAKE THE PLACE OF THE BUBBLING HAPPINESS I'D BEEN EXPERIENCING. I ALMOST STUTTERED THE NEXT WORDS.."

WH-WHY... S-SO WE COULD BE MARRIED, AS YOU SAID.

MARRIED! I NEVER SAID ANYTHING ABOUT IT... AND YOU KNOW IT! I NEVER INTENDED TO MARRY YOU...I COULDN'T, IF I WANTED TO. MY WIFE WOULDN'T LIKE IT!

"I'D NEVER FOR A MOMENT DOUBTED THAT HE MEANT FOR US TO BE MARRIED...BUT NOW I REALIZED THE POSITION I'D PUT MYSELF IN! "

COME ON, DARLING...DON'T TELL ME YOU DIDN'T KNOW WHAT YOU WERE DOING! WE CAN STAY HERE TONIGHT, AND...

NO! GET AWAY FROM ME... PLEASE!

I DIDN'T KNOW WHICH WAY TO TURN! NOW...WHEN IT WAS TOO LATE...I KNEW I'D BROUGHT ALL THIS UPON MYSELF. I WANTED NOTHING MORE THAN TO BE HOME AGAIN...TO BE GOING OUT TO SOME NICE QUIET MOVIE WITH JIMMY... "

DON'T TRY TO PLAY INNOCENT WITH ME NOW! IF YOU'RE SO NAIVE, WHY WERE YOU IN THE PARK, LOOKING FOR THE FIRST MAN WHO CAME ALONG?

I...I DON'T KNOW! LET ME GO... PLEASE!

I FINALLY MANAGED TO BREAK AWAY AND RUSHED MADLY FOR THE ROAD...IF I HAD TO WALK ALL THE WAY BACK- I WOULD... "

"BUT I WAS IN LUCK...LUCK I DIDN'T DESERVE...A TRUCK DRIVER STOPPED AND OFFERED ME A LIFT. "

ARE...ARE YOU GOING BACK TO TOWN?

SURE THING. HOP IN.

IT MUST HAVE LOOKED STRANGE TO THE TRUCK DRIVER, BUT HE WAS NICE ENOUGH NOT TO ASK ANY QUESTIONS. AND HE DROVE ME RIGHT TO MY HOUSE... "

LINDA! YOUR FOLKS HAVE BEEN FRANTIC... AND I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU. WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?

PLEASE DON'T ASK ANY QUESTIONS NOW, JIMMY.

"SEEING JIMMY WAITING FOR ME WAS ALL I NEEDED TO REALIZE HOW WRONG I'D BEEN ALL ALONG... AND HOW RIGHT MY FOLKS HAD BEEN FROM THE BEGINNING. ALL THE HAPPINESS I WANTED WAS RIGHT THERE... "

I'LL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT TOMORROW, JIMMY, IF YOU WANT TO TAKE ME OUT.

DO I? IT'S A DATE, DARLING... IT'S A DATE!

THE END

Reform School Girl

FASTER, RANDY, FASTER! I WANT TO FEEL THE WIND IN MY FACE!

MARK MY WORDS...THAT EVE CLAYTON AND HER WHOLE CROWD ARE GOING TO WIND UP BEHIND BARS SOME DAY!

"WHAT DID I CARE ABOUT THE SMALL TOWN GOSSIPS? I LIVED FOR THRILLS UNTIL I MADE ONE BIG MISTAKE... WAS IT TO BRAND ME A 'NO GOOD' FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE?"

RIC Estrada

"SURE... I KNEW IT WAS A WILD CROWD I TRAVELLED WITH... AND I KNEW RANDY LEECH WAS THE WILDEST OF THE BUNCH... BUT I THOUGHT I COULD TAKE CARE OF MYSELF..."

HERE'S THE PARTY, EVIE GIRL!

LET'S GET SOME KICKS INTO IT TONIGHT, RANDY.

"THE PARTY WAS LIKE ALL THE OTHERS UNTIL WE RAN OUT OF REFRESHMENTS..."

HEY GANG, WHO'S GOT SOME DOUGH?

I DON'T THINK ANYBODY IN THIS CROWD HAS TWO DIMES TO RUB TOGETHER!

I KNOW WHERE WE CAN GET SOME CASH! I'LL GO INTO A STORE, SAY "STICK 'EM UP"... THEN FILL MY POCKET WITH GREENBACKS!

PULL A STICK-UP? DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH! YOU HAVEN'T GOT THE NERVE.

I HAVEN'T GOT THE NERVE, HUH? I'LL SHOW YOU.. IF EVE'LL COME ALONG WITH ME I'LL PULL A JOB!

SURE I'LL GO! I ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A GUN MOLL LIKE THOSE GIRLS IN THE MOVIES.

"I THOUGHT IT WAS ALL A BIG JOKE... BUT THEN RANDY GRABBED HIS HAT AND HEADED FOR THE DOOR..."

YOU'RE NOT REALLY GOING TO HOLD UP A STORE, RANDY?

WHY NOT? WE'LL SHOW THOSE SQUARES! I'LL GO INTO GREGORY'S PLACE WITH A TOY PISTOL. HE DOESN'T KNOW EITHER OF US. YOU BE READY TO TAKE OFF IN THE CAR AS SOON AS I RUN OUT!

"I WAS FRIGHTENED BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO BE MADE A LAUGHING STOCK BY BACKING DOWN... RANDY WENT INTO THE STORE... AND THEN SUDDENLY EVERYTHING WENT WRONG.

POLICE! POLICE!

LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

R-RANDY... THE CAR STALLED! I CAN'T GET STARTED!

"JUST THEN A POLICE CAR ROUNDED THE CORNER! I TRIED TO GET AWAY... BUT IT WAS LIKE RUNNING IN A NIGHTMARE! MY LEGS SEEMED TOO HEAVY TO MOVE..."

IT'S NO USE, SISTER.. I'VE GOT YOU...

PLEASE LET ME GO! I DIDN'T MEAN TO DO ANY-THING WRONG..

THAT'S SOME-THING YOU CAN TELL THE JUDGE!

"THE DAYS THAT FOLLOWED WERE LIKE SCENES IN AN EVIL DREAM! JAIL... A PRELIMINARY HEARING IN JUVENILE COURT... AND THEN THE JUDGE'S SENTENCE..."

YOUR YOUTH DOES NOT EXCUSE THE VICIOUSNESS OF THE CRIME! I'M GOING TO SEND YOU TO THE HOUSE OF CORRECTION FOR TWO MONTHS..

THE REFORMATORY! THEY CAN'T DO THIS TO ME... IT'S NOT FAIR!

"AT THE REFORM SCHOOL THEY TRIED TO TALK TO ME OF A NEW LIFE...BUT MY BITTERNESS MADE ME TURN AWAY..."

EVE, WON'T YOU LET ME HELP YOU?

YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH! YOU'VE GIVEN ME A RECORD I'LL HAVE TO LIE ABOUT FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE!

"AT LAST MY TIME WAS ALMOST UP..."

YOU'RE GETTIN' OUT! NEXT WEEK, AIN'T YOU? GONNA GO HOME?

I'M GOING TO GO AS FAR FROM HOME AS I CAN...WHERE PEOPLE WON'T KNOW ABOUT ME!

"AND THEN AT LAST THE GATES OPENED... ON A WORLD THAT I'D CONVINCED MYSELF DIDN'T WANT ME!"

EVE, DON'T TRY TO KEEP THIS THING A SECRET INSIDE YOU! IT'S NO GOOD..

I'M NO GOOD, YOU MEAN! DON'T YOU WORRY I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF!

"THE LITTLE MONEY I HAD BOUGHT A ONE-WAY BUS TICKET TO A RESORT TOWN ON THE EAST COAST. I SAW AN ADVERTISEMENT IN THE PAPERS AND ANSWERED IT..."

YEAH... WE NEED A TYPIST AND GIRL FRIDAY AROUND THE OFFICE WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

EVE.. EVE BROWN!

KELLY'S FISHING BOATS

ALL RIGHT...YOU LOOK SMART ENOUGH TO FILL THE BILL. YOU'RE HIRED!

THANK'S MR. KELLY! I CAN START RIGHT NOW!

"IT WAS HEAVENLY..THE SEA BREEZE THE TANG OF SALT SPRAY.. THE HONEST GOOD NATURE OF MIKE KELLY AND HIS FISHING CAPTAINS...I FELT CLEAN AGAIN!"

EVE, YOU SURE MAKE THIS PLACE LOOK A LOT PRETTIER!

FIN ME FOR A PORPOISE IF I DON'T THINK YOU'RE GETTIN' IDEAS ABOUT EVE, MIKE KELLY! YOU'RE TOO OLD, BUT WAIT TILL JERRY BELL GETS BACK FROM THE NAVY AND SEES HER!

"THEY WERE ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT JERRY BELL, YOUNGEST OF THE FISHING SKIPPERS, WHOSE TIME IN THE NAVY WAS ALMOST UP" AND THEN ONE DAY..."

HIYA! THINGS SURE HAVE CHANGED AROUND HERE SINCE I WENT IN THE NAVY! CHANGED FOR THE BETTER!

YOU..MUST BE JERRY BELL! I'M EVE ...BROWN!

"HE WAS TALL...AND BRONZED...AND HANDSOME! MY HEART LIFTED EVERY TIME I SAW HIM. THEN ONE EVENING HE ASKED THE QUESTION I HAD BEEN HOPING FOR."

I BROUGHT THE BOAT IN EARLY TODAY, EVE.. HOW ABOUT HAVING A SWORDFISH STEAK WITH ME AT THE SEVEN SEAS?

I...I'D LOVE TO, JERRY!

"AFTER DINNER WE DANCED...I FLOATED ENRAPTURED...IN HIS ARMS!"

GOSH, YOU DANCE SO WELL FOR...

FOR A FISHING SKIPPER! HONEY, I'VE LEARNED A FEW OTHER THINGS BESIDES HOW TO HOOK A SAILFISH!

"I FELT HIS ARMS...HIS LIPS...AND I SEEMED TO FLOAT UP TOWARD THE STARS THAT FILLED THE NIGHT..."

IT'S SO PEACEFUL HERE, JERRY.. AND I'M SO HAPPY! IF ONLY I COULD GET OVER THE FEELING THAT SOMETHING'S GOING TO HAPPEN...

SOMETHING IS GOING TO HAPPEN, EVE...

"MY WHOLE BEING THROBBED WITH LOVE FOR JERRY. . . BUT THERE WAS A SHADOW OVER MY HAPPINESS. . . THE SHADOW OF MY PAST. . ."

WHAT'S THE MATTER, DARLING?

I...I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU SOMETHING. .

"I KNEW I SHOULD TELL HIM. . . I WANTED TO BUT I COULDN'T. . ."

WHAT IS IT, EVE?

IT'S. . .JUST THAT I WANT YOU TO LOVE ME ALWAYS! DARLING. . . I'M COLD... HOLD ME TIGHT!

"AND IT SEEMED THAT I WAS RIGHT IN NOT TELLING JERRY. . . FOR IN THE LOVE-STARRED DAYS THAT FOLLOWED, THE MEMORY OF MY WRONGDOING SEEMED TO SLIP AWAY. . ."

ERIE, YOU'RE HOPELESS! LOOK HOW YOU LOST THAT ONE! YOU'LL NEVER BE A FISHERMAN!

I'LL BE A FISHERMAN'S WIFE! THAT'S ENOUGH FOR ME!

"THEN ONE AFTERNOON I WENT FOR A SWIM WHILE JERRY WAS OUT ON THE BOAT. . ."

HEY, IF IT AIN'T ERIE CLAYTON!

RANDY! RANDY LEECH!

IN THE FLESH, KIDDO! I SEE YOUR STRETCH IN REFORM SCHOOL DIDN'T DO YOUR LOOKS ANY HARM! HEY.. YOU GOT A PLACE TO LIVE IN THIS TOWN?

"RANDY LEECH! AS THE TEARS WELLED UP, I REALIZED HOW FOOLISH I HAD BEEN TO THINK I COULD ESCAPE THE PAST!"

I HAVE A SMALL APARTMENT... BUT WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

AFTER I GOT OUT OF STIR THEY PUT ME IN THE ARMY! I DIDN'T LIKE IT SO I TOOK IT ON THE LAM! LUCKY I SPOTTED YOU TODAY! YOU'RE GONNA HIDE ME OUT!

I WON'T DO IT! I WON'T!

NO? LISTEN, KID, I'LL BET ANYTHING YOU NEVER TOLD ANYBODY AROUND HERE THAT YOU'RE A JAILBIRD! IF YOU WANT ME TO KEEP MY MOUTH SHUT, YOU PLAY BALL WITH ME!

Y...YOU DON'T LEAVE ME MUCH CHOICE, DO YOU?

ATTAGIRL! LEAD THE WAY TO YOUR PLACE! AND CHEER UP! YOU DIDN'T THINK I WAS SO BAD IN THE OLD DAYS!

"THE NEXT FEW DAYS WERE TORTURE! NO MATTER WHAT I DID OR WHERE I WENT, RANDY'S FACE LOOMED UP BEFORE ME..."

THERE'S SOMETHING THE MATTER, HONEY... TELL ME WHAT IT IS?

I..I JUST DON'T FEEL WELL, JERRY! WE'D BETTER SAY GOODNIGHT HERE...

WHO'S THAT JERK YOU WERE WITH?

HE'S A FINE, DECENT MAN... SOMETHING YOU COULD NEVER BE, RANDY!

GET RID OF HIM! OR ELSE I'LL TELL HIM THE TRUTH... THAT YOU'RE NOT REALLY EVE BROWN... THE SWEET YOUNG THING!

ALL RIGHT.. ALL RIGHT! STOP! YOU'RE HURTING ME!

"FROM THEN ON RANDY INSISTED THAT I DATE ONLY HIM.. THAT I WAS HIS GIRL..."

COME ON, COME ON, QUIT LOOKIN' SO GLOOMY! I'M SHOWIN' YA A GOOD TIME, AIN'T I?

YES, RANDY.. YES..

"I TRIED TO AVOID JERRY.. BUT ONE MORNING HE CAUGHT UP WITH ME. . . "

WHAT'S THE STORY, EVE? WHY THIS BRUSH YOU'VE BEEN GIVING ME?

IT. . .IT'S JUST THAT I'VE FOUND SOMEBODY ELSE, THAT'S ALL!

"RANDY'S NEARNESS MADE ME CRINGE WITH DISGUST. . .BUT I COULDN'T TAKE THE RISK OF HAVING MY PAST REVEALED. . . "

GIVE US A LITTLE KISS, BABY!

"THEN ONE DAY IN THE OFFICE I HEARD THEM TALKING. . . "

I HATE TO LOSE JERRY.. BUT ALL OF A SUDDEN HE DECIDED TO GO TO THE WEST COAST!

JERRY. . . LEAVING! OH, NO!

"JERRY WAS LEAVING! THE WORDS HAMMERED AT ME ALL DAY. . . UNTIL AT LAST I HAD TO SEE HIM. . . "

"SUDDENLY A POLICEMAN APPEARED.. AND BEFORE ANY OF US COULD MOVE, HE COLLARED RANDY!"

WHY SHOULD MY LEAVING MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE TO YOU? AFTER ALL YOU'RE THE ONE WHO..

HEY, EVE! I WAS WAITIN' FOR YOU, AND HERE I FIND YOU BEATIN' YOUR GUMS WITH THIS GOOF!

YOU'RE COMING TO HEADQUARTERS, SON! YOU LOOK LIKE A PICTURE OF AN ARMY DESERTER WE GOT DOWN THERE!

YOU DIDN'T LURE THAT L ON YOUR OW.. THAT DAME TOLD YOU I WAS HERE. . . WELL I'M TELLIN' EVERY-BODY ABOUT HER! SHE AIN'T ANY SAINT.

"RANDY WAS OUT OF THE WAY. . . BUT THE MOMENT HAD COME FOR MY DISGRACE TO BE DISCLOSED!"

"MY HEAD SNAPPED UP IN SURPRISE! HE KNEW. . . AND HE WAS SMILING. . . "

COME ON!

JERRY. . . I HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU. . . MY REAL NAME ISN'T BROWN. . . IT'S CLAYTON AND I WAS ONCE. . .

IN REFORM SCHOOL? WHAT'S SO BAD ABOUT THAT?

B. . . BUT HOW DID YOU KNOW. . . AND HOW LONG. . .

FOR A LONG TIME, DARLING. . . EVER SINCE YOU LEFT SOME PAPERS FROM THE REFORM SCHOOL ON YOUR DESK ONE DAY! THE PAST WON'T KEEP YOU FROM MARRYING ME. . . AND THAT'S ALL I CARE ABOUT!

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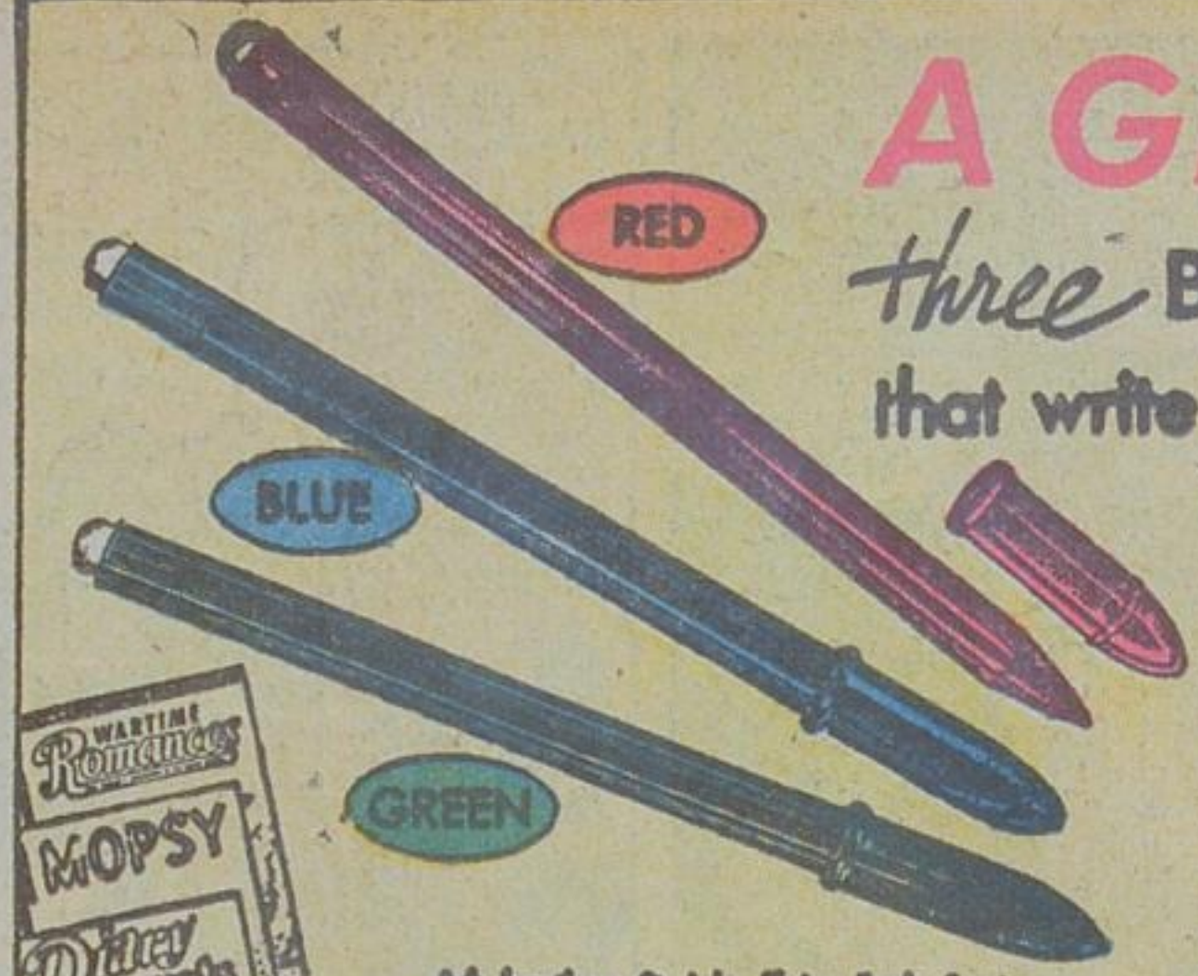

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FUN TIME

Back in 1906, a broken down ex-heavyweight prize fighter named Deacon Jones was a familiar figure in the barrooms of the town. On the morning of April 18th, at six o'clock to be exact, Jones wandered into Spider Kelly's saloon. He was bleary-eyed and pugnacious and demanded a drink. Since he had no money, Kelly turned him down.

The deacon became infuriated. Gripping the edge of the bar in his massive hands, he shouted: "If you don't gimme a drink I'll tear the joint down."

He began shoving and tugging with all his strength. The building shook and promptly collapsed in a mass of debris and dust.

The San Francisco earthquake had occurred at exactly that moment! And from under a pile of wood and masonry came the wailing voice of Deacon Jones:

"I didn't mean it, Spider. Honest to goodness, I didn't mean it!"

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Maxie Rosenbloom, the ex-light heavyweight champ turned Hollywood actor, was kidding irrepressible Maxie Baer about his fight with Joe Louis. Baer took the ribbing good-naturedly.

"Well, anyway," said Baer wryly, "I gave Louis an awful scare."

Rosenbloom nodded his head in agreement. "Yep," he said, "Louis was scared all right. He thought he had killed you."

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Metro Flop Ears, a fighter, is in the ring this night, and during the first round he takes an awful beating. When he gets back to his corner after the bell his manager tells him that he is fighting a great fight and the other guy didn't even touch him, to keep up the good work, and so on. The second round it's the same thing: a beating, and the old bologna from his manager.

Finally, Flop Ears says to his manager, "Are you sure that guy ain't hitting me?"

The manager says, "That's right."

The fighter comes back with, "You better keep your eye on that referee then, because somebody is giving me a beating."

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Jack: "What's the best way to teach a girl to swim?"

Gene: "Well, that requires a lot of technique. First you put your left arm around her waist, then you gently take her left hand and . . ."

Jack: "She's my sister."

Gene: "Oh, push her off the dock."

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Now it can be told! Through an exclusive interview with a captured German field marshal, Heinrich Rausvonhaus Von und Zu Schnitzel, the mystery of the disappearance of Adolf Hitler has been solved.

The heretofore unpublished statement by General Rausvonhaus and so forth, follows untranslated:.

"Ich ben ein locomotiver proceeden mit breaknecken speeden. Das locomotiver ben gemaken ein huffen-puffen und stackensmoken! Das automobilser been gemaken der grosser motor roaren!

"Ober das graden crossen ben gestanden der Fuhrer — Heil Hitler! Der Fuhrer iss geraisen der handsers mit 'Halten!' und 'Stoppen'.

"Das locomotiver outgaben mit ein rooten-tooten und dinger-lingen! Der automobilser gesounded ein grosser honken und braken screechen.

"Ich ben gecomen ein explodden mit der grosser crashen mit donder und blitzen! Ach! Der Fuhrer — Heil Hitler! — is gemincer meaten."

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A visiting foreign journalist sent this report of his first baseball game back to his government: "The U. S. national sport is baseball played by slaves owned by capitalists and ruled by umpires who are denounced by spectators as "Robbers, Crooks, Dopes, Jerks," etc. When players steal bases they are cheered by cruel patrons who eat dogs during the game."

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A man was getting a shave in a barber shop. The barber had his face completely covered with rich lather. The shine-boy was shining his shoes. The manicurist was giving him a manicure.

Suddenly a man rushed in from the street and shouted in an excited voice: "Mr. Jones, your house is on fire!" The man pushed the shine-boy out of the way, slung the manicurist halfway across the room, barely missed the barber's razor, and started running down the street, without any hat, without any coat, and with lather streaming from his face. After running a full 100 yards, he came to a dead stop and said to himself: "What the heck am I running for? I'm not Mr. Jones."

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At a dinner party, the subject of eternal life and future punishment came up for a long discussion, in which Mark Twain, who was present, took no part. A lady near him suddenly looked toward him and exclaimed:

"Why do you not say something? I want your opinion."

Twain replied gravely: "Madam, you must excuse me. I am silent of necessity. I have friends in both places."

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